

feature linking the broccoli plant species appears to be heat tolerance. Applicants agree with this assertion by the Examiner, in part.

The Examiner further asserts that a heat tolerant broccoli plant is obvious or anticipated over any of Yang, et al., Heather, et al. or DuFault, et al., and therefore does not constitute a special technical feature as defined by PCT Rule 13.2 because it does not define a contribution over the prior art.

Applicants disagree with the Examiner's description of Heather, et al., Dufault, et al., and Yang, et al. Applicants respectfully assert that the technical feature linking the claims is not simply heat tolerant broccoli. The claims are directed to commercially acceptable heat tolerant broccoli. None of the cited references anticipate or render obvious the pending claims directed to commercially acceptable heat tolerant broccoli. As such, the technical feature linking the pending claims does constitute a special technical feature as defined by PCT Rule 13.2.

In the event that the restriction requirement is maintained despite the above discussion, Applicants elect M7007 with traverse for the reasons presented above. All of the pending claims (54-80) read on the elected species.

Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

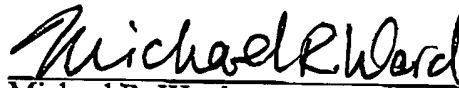
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